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SUMMARY: AT THE APRIL 20 MEETING, THE NPG STAFF GROUP (SG)
DISCUSSED: (1) THE NATURE OF THE PERMREP REPORT(S) FORWARDING
THE SHAPE NIKE HERCULES AND DUAL CAPABLE AIRCRAFT STUDIES
TO MINISTERS; (2) THE CONTENT OF THE PERMREP REPORT WHICH
WILL FORWARD THE NEW TECHNOLOGY STUDY TO MINISTERS; (3)
SOME CONSIDERATIONS IN THE TITLING OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR
OTTAWA; (4) THE SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED AT THE MAY 5 AND
MAY 23 NPG PERMREP MEETINGS; AND (5) THE UPCOMING NPG STAFF
GROUP VISIT TO A NUCLEAR SITE. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON
COMMENTS AND/OR GUIDANCE BY APRIL 28 ON THE SCOPE AND
CONTENT OF THE PERMREP REPORT(S) ON THE SHAPE NIKE HERCULES
AND DUAL CAPABLE AIRCRAFT STUDIES. END SUMMARY.
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1. SG HELD INITIAL DISCUSSION OF THE NATURE OF ANY
PERMREP REPORT(S) FORWARDING THE SHAPE NIKE HERCULES AND
DUAL CAPABLE AIRCRAFT STUDIES TO MINISTERS. UK REP (LEGGE)
SUGGESTED ONE REPORT COVERING ALL OF THE TNF IMPROVEMENT
STUDIES, INCLUDING THEATER INFORMATION AND ENGAGEMENT
SYSTEMS (TIES), WHICH WOULD HIGHLIGHT ITEMS IN THE STUDIES
TO AID MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION. FRG REP (MERKL) SAID THAT
A REPORT SIMILAR IN SCOPE TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE (MC)
ASSESSMENTS WOULD BE A GOOD GUIDE. US REP (WOODWORTH)
QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR ANY SUBSTANTIVE REPORT, GIVEN THAT

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BY PERMREPS AND MINISTERS ON THE SHAPE STUDIES THEMSELVES. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT ONE PERMREP REPORT COVERING BOTH SHAPE STUDIES, BUT NOT NECESSARILY THE TIES STATUS REPORT, WOULD BE THE PREFERABLE COURSE. WE ENVISION PRIMARILY A SHORT, TRANSMITTAL DOCUMENT, WHICH COULD ACCOMMODATE SOME HIGHLIGHTING OF ITEMS AS DESIRED BY THE UK AND FRG. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE IS WILL BE SEEKING INSTRUCTED VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT ON APRIL 28. END COMMENT. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENTS AND/OR GUIDANCE ON THE SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE PERMREP REPORT(S) FOR THE TNF IMPROVEMENT STUDIES BY APRIL 28.

2. SG DISCUSSED THE TYPE OF PERMREP REPORT FORWARDING THE NEW TECHNOLOGY STUDY TO MINISTERS. UK REP PROPOSED A SHORT REPORT ENCOMPASSING THE MIT, PIT AND FULL STUDY PANEL, WHICH WOULD: (1) SUPPORT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGY STUDY; (2) ENDORSE THE FOLLOW-ON STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS, AND (3) SET OUT OPTIONS FOR MINISTERS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE FOLLOW-ON EFFORTS. TURKISH REP (ERGIN) AND GREEK REP (PLEVRAKIS) AGREED, STATING THEIR GOVERNMENTS' PREFERENCE FOR THE NPG TO BE THE LOCUS OF THE FOLLOW-ON EFFORT. DANISH REP (JANSEN) ALSO AGREED WITH THE UK PROPOSAL, STATING THAT HIS AUTHORITIES FORESAW A CONTINUING ROLE FOR A FULL STUDY PANEL FOR AT LEAST A LIMITED PERIOD AFTER OTTAWA. NORWEGIAN, DUTCH, CONFIDENTIAL

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ITALIAN AND BELIGIAN REPS ALSO SUPPORTED THE UK, MAKING NO MENTION OF PREFERENCES REGARDING THE PROPER NATO BODY TO OVERSEE THE FOLLOW-ON WORK. FRG REP (MERKL) SUPPORTED THE UK PROPOSAL, STATING HIS AUTHORITIES' VIEW THAT THE NPG COULD NOT BE THE ONLY FORUM FOR FOLLOW-ON WORK AND THAT THE DPC/DRC WOULD NECESSARILY BE INVOLVED. CANADIAN REP (HAMLIN) SAID THAT WHILE HIS AUTHORITIES COULD AGREE TO A REPORT IDENTIFYING THE TASKS TO BE DONE, THEY SAW NO NEED TO IMMEDIATELY RESOLVE THE ISSUE OF WHAT BODY SHOULD DO THEM. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE PERMREP REPORT MIGHT INVITE MINISTERS TO TASK PERMREPS TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM. SG CHAIRMAN (SHEARER) UNDERTOOK TO PREPARE A DRAFT PERMREP REPORT ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED BY THE UK. COMMENT: WE EXPECT THAT THE SG WILL HOLD INITIAL DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT AT THE APRIL 25 MEETING, WITH FINAL INSTRUCTED DISCUSSION AT A PROBABLE MEETING ON APRIL 28. WE WILL TRANSMIT THE IS DRAFT PERMREP REPORT ALONG WITH OUR COMMENTS AND GUIDANCE REQUEST BY SEPTTEL. END COMMENT.

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3. SG DISCUSSED THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE OTTAWA MINISTERIAL MEETINGS (REF A). FRG REP QUESTIONED THE TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM II, STATING THAT THE STUDIES MIGHT BETTER BE SEPARATE AGENDA ITEMS. CANADIAN REP RESPONDED THAT THE GENERAL HEADING WAS PREFERABLE TO SHOW PROGRESS IN TNF MODERNIZATION DISCUSSIONS AND TO MAINTAIN CONTINUITY FROM MEETING TO MEETING. US REP NOTED THAT THE US AGREED IN GENERAL WITH THE DRAFT AGENDA BUT MIGHT HAVE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON AGENDA STRUCTURE AND ON THE WORDING OF AGENDA ITEM I(REF B). COMMENT: WE HAVE REQUESTED GUIDANCE ON THE DRAFT MINISTERIAL AGENDA IN REF C. END COMMENT.

4. SG CHAIRMAN DISCUSSED THE REVISED AGENDA FOR THE MAY 5 AND MAY 23 NPG PERMREP MEETINGS. MAY 5: (1) APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE OTTAWA MINISTERIAL MEETING; (2) APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT PERMREP REPORT ON WINTEX 77; (3) DISCUSSION OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGY STUDY AND APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT PERMREP REPORT; AND (4) DISCUSSION OF PO/77/58 AND THE ATTACHED THEATER INFORMATION AND ENGAGEMENT SYSTEMS (TIES) STATUS REPORT. COMMENT: CONFIDENTIAL

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WE WILL COMMENT ON THE TIES REPORT AND REQUEST GUIDANCE SEPTTEL. ADDITIONALLY, THE UK REP INFORMED US AFTER THE MEETING THAT THE UK IS CONSIDERING OFFERING GENERAL SUGGESTIONS AT THE NAC SUMMIT FOR HANDLING NEW TECHNOLOGY IN NATO AND, THEREFORE, MAY SEEK TO POSTPONE NPG PERMREP DISCUSSION OF THE TECHNOLOGY STUDY UNTIL MAY 23. END COMMENT. MAY 23: (1) DISCUSSION OF THE SHAPE NIKE HERCULES STUDY; (2) DISCUSSION OF THE SHAPE DUAL CAPABLE AIRCRAFT STUDY; (3) APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT PERMREP REPORT(S) FORWARDING THESE STUDIES TO MINISTERS; AND (4) DISCUSSION OF NPG FUTURE WORK. COMMENT: THE VEHICLE FOR FORWARDING PERMREP VIEWS ON FUTURE WORK COULD TAKE THE FORM OF A PERMREP REPORT AS WAS SUGGESTED IN THE NPG PERMREP REPORT ON STATUS OF WORK. HOWEVER, DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS, WE BELIEVE THAT A PO BY

SYG LUNS MAY BE THE MOST LIKELY ALTERNATIVE. END COMMENT.

5. SG DISCUSSED FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE UPCOMING NPG
STAFF GROUP VISIT TO NUCLEAR SITES ON MAY 9-10 (REF D). SG
WILL VISIT A US QUICK REACTION ALERT AIRCRAFT SITE AT
SPANGDHALEM AB AND A GERMAN PERSHING MISSILE SITE AT GEILEN-
KIRCHEN. THE STAFF GROUP WILL ALSO VISIT BITBURG TO SEE THE
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